

that Kelly has an effective filing date of January 19, 2001 and that Guler, et al. has an effective filing date of July 10, 2001, and Applicants' Affidavit, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131, establishes that Applicants' invention was reduced to practice prior to January 19, 2001 and July 10, 2001, respectively. Thus, Kelly and Guler, et al. are not prior art, and the Examiner cannot rely on either Kelly or Guler, et al. in making a sustainable 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection. As a matter of law, the Examiner's rejection of pending claim 20 must be withdrawn, thereby placing claim 20 in condition for allowance.

REMARKS

Applicants have thoroughly reviewed the First Office Action on the merits and the objections and rejections averred therein. For at least the reasons, facts and law set forth herein, Applicants have fully traversed all pending objections and rejections averred by the Honorable Examiner related to pending claims. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, the required copies of the amended claims accompany this Response. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, Request for Reconsideration is respectfully solicited, as Applicants advances their case toward a patentable conclusion.

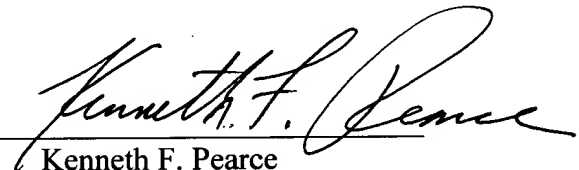
CONCLUSION

For at least the facts, law and reasons set forth above, all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants request the Examiner reconsider her pending rejections and thereafter withdraw the same. Since Applicants have fully traversed all grounds of objection and rejection set forth in the First Office Action, Applicants believe their Application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same in accordance with Title 35 of the United States Code. The Honorable Examiner's action, along these lines, is courteously elicited.

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